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ATTN: International Tax Reform Working Group

Dear Representative Nunes and Blumenaur,

I am writing in hopes that the International Taxation Committee of the Ways & Means Committee for Tax Reform will seriously consider the ACA proposal for reform to Residency-based taxation RBT.

I am absolutely sure that the current Citizenship based taxation system has inherent weaknesses that must be reformed. I know you are already aware of how the present situation blocks business opportunities for Americans abroad and cuts competitiveness not only for the individual Americans involved, but for the country as a whole. When Americans are denied entry into business partnerships, have to consider the fallout from double taxation starting right from their business plans, and are flat out denied access to foreign banking simply because we are Americans, then this becomes a national problem.

Here is an internet link that proposes a solution:

<http://americansabroad.org/files/6513/6370/3681/finalsbrbttmarch2013.pdf>

I know first hand that this is a major problem because my American business associates have literally been kicked out of virtually all non-American banks simply because the banks refuse to take on the added burdens that the present situation demands. It doesn't take much imagination to understand how this factor alone stifles the ability for American companies to compete on an even playing field. The present situation literally hobbles American small business and the people that drive this important sector of the American economy.

Please seriously consider the RBT proposal submitted by American Citizens Abroad (ACA). A residence-based system would actually bring in MORE tax revenue than the current system. The current system seems testosterone-based rather than one developed through reason. Presently vital resources are squandered on enforcement and compliance issues for very little return. This may feel good for enforcement officials, but in fact is a wasteful and counterproductive use of their time and skills. Please let's join the rest of the world and allow American citizens to create jobs for our countrymen, and help return America to the prominence it once had before the present system grew to its present, burdensome size. Please help us all by changing the system to one which strongly increases exports by facilitating American mobility in the global business environment of today's world.

Sincerely,

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